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1. Original Sketch (not to scale) of the Kalebja fortifications is transmitted herewith to the Department of the Army for retention.
2. The following is a sectional description of the Kalebja fortifications, beginning at the Yugoslav frontier and terminating in the Hungarian communications zone:
 - a. The zone of "No man's Land" of 20 to 50 meters wide stretches from the Hungarian-Yugoslav border. Border guards are stationed here and may move within this zone.
 - b. A zone of mine fields, 50 to 100 meters wide, lies immediately behind this.
 - c. Three rows of barbed wire 2 meters wide and 1.6 meters high lie behind the mine field. The rows of barbed wire are placed at short distances from one another. The area between the rows of barbed wire is strewn with more barbed wire and through the center of this net runs an electric power cable.
 - d. Searchlight towers, made of iron or wood, are located beyond the barbed wire zone at a distance of 100 to 200 meters. The iron towers are located at a distance of approximately 500 meters from each other. These towers serve to illuminate the area described above.
 - e. Behind the searchlight towers is a row of bunkers. The small bunkers are equipped with machine guns and form the first row. The large bunkers are equipped with artillery weapons and located behind the small bunkers. The bunkers are placed in a checkerboard fashion. The small bunkers are connected to the large bunkers by means of tunnels. The small bunkers have no outside entry and are buried in the ground up to the height of the firing opening, covered over with grass, and very well camouflaged.
 - f. Three rows of rifle trenches have been built behind the large bunkers and are connected by means of tunnels. The rifle trenches are placed at intervals of 150 meters or more, depending upon the nature of the terrain.
 - g. The large artillery bunkers are connected with the rifle trenches by tunnels. Tunnels connecting the small with the large bunkers are 1.2 meters high and

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0.7 meters wide while tunnels connecting the large bunkers with the rifle trenches are 1.2 meters high and are so large that passage in both directions simultaneously is possible.

- h. Behind the rifle trenches an anti-tank trench was built about 4 meters deep and with a high parapet in which anti-tank obstacles, alternately cement crosses and rows of slanted railroad tracks, are embedded. In spots where the tunnels meet the anti-tank trench, cement obstacles have been placed to shut off the tunnels.
- i. Behind the tank trenches and the obstacles one defense rifle trench was built. Some small bunkers were built, too.
- j. On the spot where the main railroad and road communications pass there were built three small bunkers to flank this position.
- k. Behind the anti-tank trenches is an area of 500 meters or more with broken railroad rails embedded in it.
- l. All objects are completely camouflaged. The bunkers are especially well camouflaged so that only very small knolls covered with grass can be seen. Communication with them is insured by the underground tunnels.
- m. The small bunkers are equipped with heavy machine guns. The large bunkers are equipped with 175 mm artillery. Each large bunker has one such weapon. On the firing side of the bunkers an automatic 25 mm cannon is installed. Each bunker has one heavy and two light cannons. All weapons are of Soviet origin.
- n. Bunker crews number 8 to 10 men per large bunker and three men per small bunker.
- o. This fortified area is 8 kilometers wide and 9 to 12 kilometers deep.
- p. The distance between bunkers of the first and second lines is 500 to 700 meters.

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Comment:

- a. The complete border zone between Yugoslavia and Hungary is not fortified in this way. Such fortifications are built up only at the principal points because of probable enemy concentration, and contain objectives of importance.
- b. On the sketch the underground communications with the bunkers are represented in yellow.
- c. In the left corner is a plan of one large bunker drawn to scale.

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Comment: On the sketch the small bunkers are indicated as "Small tower" and the large bunkers are designated as "Big tower".

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